

that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Lisa Trolan on her well-earned retirement.

# INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DUE PROCESS RIGHTS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES SERVING IN SENSITIVE POSITIONS

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to clarify certain due process rights of federal employees serving in sensitive positions. This bill would overturn an unprecedented federal court decision, *Kaplan v. Conyers and MSPB*, which stripped many federal employees of the right to independent review of an agency decision removing them from their jobs on grounds of ineligibility. The case was brought by two Department of Defense (DOD) employees, Rhonda Conyers, an accounting technician, and Devon Northover, a commissary management specialist, who were permanently demoted and suspended from their jobs after they were found to be no longer eligible to serve in noncritical sensitive positions. In 2014, the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, which allowed the decision to stand. This bill is cosponsored by Representative ANDRÉ CARSON.

Specifically, the decision prevents federal employees who are designated as "noncritical sensitive" from appealing to the Merit Systems Protection Board if they are removed from their jobs. Noncritical sensitive jobs include those that do not have access to classified information. The decision affects at least 200,000 DOD employees who are designated as noncritical sensitive. Even more seriously, most federal employees could potentially lose the same right to an independent review of an agency's decision because of a rule by the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence that permits agency heads to designate most jobs in the federal government as noncritical sensitive, which went into effect in July 2015.

The *Kaplan* decision undercuts Title 5, section 7701 of the Civil Service Act, which ensures due process rights for federal workers required by the U.S. Constitution. Stripping employees whose work does not involve classified matters of the right of review of an agency decision that removes them from their jobs opens entirely new avenues for unreviewable, arbitrary action or retaliation by an agency head and, in addition, makes a mockery of whistleblower protections enacted in the 112th Congress. This bill would stop the use of "national security" to undo a vital component of civil service protection and of due process.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

## TRIBUTE TO NORMAN LADD

## HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and accomplishments of

Norman Ladd of Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. Norman passed on from this life at age 84 years on March 21, 2022. He dedicated a total of 65 years to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Norman Ladd was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 11, 1937. He attended Macomber High School and graduated in 1955. Not long after, he began his apprenticeship with his local IBEW, Local 8. During his time with the IBEW, he served as treasurer, assistant business manager, and administrator of the Health and Wellness plan.

In the 1980's, Norman was elected the Executive Secretary of the Northwest Ohio Building Trades. He also served on the Toledo Zoning Board of Appeals, and more recently he sat on the Sylvania Zoning Board of Appeals.

As Adlai Stevenson II once said, "Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." Norman Ladd lived a life of dedication and passion, always ready to lend a hand when needed.

Today, we mourn his passing, and offer our deepest condolences to his wife and children. May they find some small measure in his legacy and the gift of his life to his family, friends, fellow tradesmen and women, and our community at large. Norm was a builder of family and community through good and rough times. His commitment and vigilance helped carry us forward together. May his life and works inspire others to emulate his goodwill and accomplishments.

## RECOGNIZING STAN KELLY

## HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stan Kelly of Winston-Salem and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement as CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership. With his departure from this position, he leaves the entire Piedmont region revitalized and ripe for North Carolina's next chapter in modern industry.

Stan began his distinguished career as a personal banker with Wachovia National Bank, a North Carolina-based financial institution. His industrious work ethic, charismatic personality, and keen intellect propelled him to the position of President of Wachovia's wealth management division in 2001. When Wachovia was acquired by Wells Fargo & Company in 2008, Stan was selected as the bank's regional president for the Carolinas. In this role, he ensured the brand transition from Wachovia to Wells Fargo was seamless for employees and clients, alike. His region of more than 450 branches consistently overperformed company expectations in customer service ratings, employee retention, and market share. Stan retired from Wells Fargo in 2014, leaving the company well-positioned for future success in the region.

In 2015, however, Stan was called out of retirement when the Piedmont Triad Partnership selected him as its President and CEO. For over 30 years, the Piedmont Triad Partnership has served as the region's umbrella organization for economic development and has

worked arduously to promote transformational commercial growth and success in the heart of North Carolina. The Partnership has been instrumental in building upon the Piedmont's proud history of agriculture, textiles, and furniture to facilitate new, robust sectors of industry including aviation and automotive manufacturing, as well as the emerging sector of regenerative medicine.

As President and CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership, Stan again proved himself a remarkable leader. Under his direction, the Partnership launched the Carolina Core brand, a regional initiative to highlight existing infrastructure and develop industrial potential along the future 1-685 corridor. Regional leaders have united with Stan in promoting this economic engine capable of powering the Piedmont into the future. Stan's efforts in developing the Carolina Core have already been instrumental in attracting over 30 thousand new jobs in just five years.

Stan's other accomplishments extend far beyond financial services and economic development. Through various roles, such as Chair of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University and the Winston-Salem Foundation, he has studiously worked to give back to his local community and state. Earlier this month, he was honored with North Carolina's most prestigious civic award: The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Despite all of Stan's accomplishments, however, he is undoubtedly most proud of his loving family: his wife, their daughters, son-in-law, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Stan Kelly for his invaluable contributions to the Piedmont Triad region and the state of North Carolina. I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

## RECOGNIZING FES SECURITY FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO EAST TENNESSEE'S COMMUNITIES

## HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today I recognize FES Security as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. In April 1972, Frank Whitley started Frank's Electrical Service to meet the electrical needs of his community. Frank enlisted the help of his son, Dale, on the weekends and the work inspired Dale to earn a degree in electronics so he could help run the family business.

Frank and Dale soon noticed a growing demand for home security, so Dale took the lead in getting Frank's Electrical Service involved in the industry. This was a wise decision. The business quickly switched to specializing in home security and was rebranded as FES Security in the process.

Dale Whitley, now the owner of FES Security, is building on the successes of the company his father started. The business keeps up with modern technological advancements and FES Security offers digital security systems, products that are controllable through mobile devices, and cameras with video recording capabilities. The company also offers fire and gate systems, as well as home theatre and surround sound installation.

Although the scope of FES Security's work evolved throughout the years, its commitment

to East Tennesseans stays the same. Dale and the folks at FES Security pride themselves on the fact that monitoring rates have not increased once throughout the business's history, and they continuously strive to provide the kind of high-quality customer service you can always expect in East Tennessee.

Congratulations to everyone at FES Security for making this family-owned and operated business a success. I thank them for their work to provide important security services to our community.

#### NORTHGLENN HIGH SCHOOL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR—HONORABLE MENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aiden Boushie, Victor Ibarra, Makayla Clemons and Alex Guzman for earning the Rookie of the Year—Honorable Mention Award in the 2022 Congressional App Challenge.

As first-time participants in the challenge, this team from Northglenn High School built an app entitled "School Club Finder" to help students discover the extracurricular activities at their school.

The students spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn about coding and app development while developing new skills and further advancing their STEM education. Their perseverance and dedication to this challenge exemplifies the character and determination the faculty instills in the students at the school and the students' commitment to being lifelong learners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aiden Boushie, Victor Ibarra, Makayla Clemons and Alex Guzman for their hard work on this project. I wish each student the best in all their future endeavors.

#### CELEBRATING THE TRICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the tricentennial anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Chester, New Hampshire. First known as the Chestnut County, the name was later shortened to Chester after Cheshire County, England, whose county seat is Chester.

Based in one of the thirteen original colonies, Chester is one of the oldest towns in America and its history is tied to that of the entire nation. Throughout the post-Revolutionary and the Civil War eras, Chester supplied housing and goods for many fellow New Englanders and Americans. Beyond its cultural impact, Chester has also given the State of New Hampshire three governors, three senators, a chief justice of the State Supreme Court, and so much more.

Chester reached its population low of just over 650 residents during the early 20th century, but over the past 100 years, that number has grown to more than 5,000 residents. This quick growth is a testament to the charm and character of Chester, and I am confident that this town will continue to prosper for generations to come.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the Town of Chester on this incredible milestone. I look forward to a continued partnership with Chester and its residents who I am proud to represent in Congress.

#### RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS J. JENKINS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Lieutenant Colonel (Lt Col) Thomas J. Jenkins upon the auspicious occasion of his retirement upon more than twenty years of tireless service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States of America.

Lt Col Jenkins distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service while assigned to the 193d Special Operations Squadron. During this period, he served as the pilot section supervisor and flight commander, managing over sixty (60) aviators' combat readiness, and recruited twenty-nine (29) rated officers, enhancing the group's longevity. Additionally, he excelled through aircraft commander, instructor, and evaluator pilot upgrades in minimum time, and actively trained and evaluated special operations pilots—ensuring the safety and effectiveness of flying operations.

Throughout his career, Colonel Jenkins compiled over four thousand total flight hours in the MC-130W, AC-130W, C-130E/H, and EC-130J airframes. He flew eight hundred (800) hours as an instructor pilot, and totaled over seven hundred (700) career combat sorties, fifteen hundred (1500) combat hours, and forty-four (44) combat support sorties. He deployed and served as an aircraft commander, director of operations, and an expeditionary squadron commander on the EC-130J Commando Solo in support of operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.

Colonel Jenkins' professionalism, expertise, and dynamic leadership contributed immeasurably to the overall mission effectiveness of the 193d Special Operations Group. The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Jenkins culminate a distinguished career in the service of our Country and reflect great credit upon himself, the Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force. I wish him Godspeed as he embarks on his next adventure.

#### HONORING 75 YEARS OF CINE EL REY

### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic Cine El Rey, which has provided outstanding entertainment to South Texans for 75 years.

Cine El Rey opened its doors in 1947 and is one of the longest-running entertainment venues in the nation. Cine El Rey has hosted a variety of entertainment events over the last 75 years, ranging from film screenings and concerts to wrestling events, and propelled the careers of many South Texas artists.

Established during segregation, Cine El Rey was the only place where Latinos could watch movies in McAllen, Texas. Today, it is a hallmark of Hispanic entertainment. Cine El Rey is the only privately-owned National Historic Landmark representative of Hispanic Culture in America.

In 2020, like many entertainment venues across the country, Cine El Rey was forced to close its doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully, with the support of our community and dedication of its owner, Burt Guerra, Cine El Rey has reopened and again offers the live entertainment it is so fondly known for.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to celebrate the 75 years that Cine El Rey has been open and entertaining our community, and I look forward to celebrating many more years.

#### HONORING THE TX-03 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 25, 2022*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the 2021–2022 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) as the sixteenth year of the program draws to a close.

Over the past year, students in grades 9th through 12th from public, private, and home schools across Texas' Third Congressional District participated in my youth program as they learned firsthand about our representative democracy. From student governments, athletics, fine arts, honor societies, and a multitude of community and civic organizations, these servant leaders proved to be engaged members of our community both inside and outside of the program.

Over the course of the school year, students assembled on multiple occasions and had the unique opportunity to explore the roles of community leaders, engage in policy discussions, and offer innovative solutions to issues of the day. In addition to attending interactive information sessions, these young leaders capitalized on their experience by completing various assignments and offering feedback on current events which corresponded with our meetings.

These students consistently impressed me with their knowledge and willingness to engage in thoughtful and constructive dialogue,